

SUDAN TO TRY ABSENT FATAH HEAD

Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter
Sudanese authorities said today that they will try in the Fatah chief in Khartoum, Yasser Arafat, accused of the assassination of a Saudi Arabian diplomat in the Sudanese capital. The Fatah leader who bears the name of Abu Marwan was reported to have fled Khartoum to avoid arrest. A few days before eight Black September militants shot their way into the Sudanese capital, Khartoum, where they murdered two British and a Belgian diplomat. The Sudanese government has decided to try the Fatah leader for the assassination of the Saudi Arabian diplomat. The Sudanese authorities have accused Libya of having used the Fatah leader and some Sudanese militants for subversive activities against the Sudanese regime.

SEDITION ACTS

In a note he sent Arab heads of state through the Arab League, Arafat accused the terrorists of "inciting certain political factions to sedition" against the Sudanese Government, the press reports said. Arafat's note was reported to have been covered to Arab League Secretary General Mahmoud Riad. Riad reassured Sudan's ban on terrorist activity in its territory, it was said.

Meanwhile, Fatah chief Yasser Arafat appealed to Egyptian President Anwar Sadat for help in containing Sudan's "conspiracy against the Palestinians."

U.S. to increase guard of diplomats

WASHINGTON (AP). — A special committee studying Arab terrorism is expected to propose shortly that the U.S. step up its protection of diplomats, particularly in countries where they are directly involved in Middle East issues. The State Department task force, formed last autumn following the murder of Israeli Olympic athletes in Munich, probably will suggest increases both in manpower and in money. The head of the committee, Ambassador Arthur M. Meyer, told a reporter, "We're well aware that terrorism can break out almost anywhere."

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Soldier killed, one hurt in Gaza grenade attack

Jerusalem Post Reporter
GAZA — One soldier was killed and another wounded yesterday when a terrorist grenade exploded inside the cabin of their truck. The perpetrator got away. The dead soldier was Tural Yitzhak Feldman, of Ramat Gan. The driver, a 24-year-old sergeant whose name was not released, was wounded but managed to stop the vehicle and get out to summon help. The grenade was thrown as the truck, a water-tanker, was making its way down Gaza's main street, Rehov Omer el-Mukhtar, not far from the Military Government headquarters in the town's northern Rimal Quarter.

Local policemen promptly arrived on the scene and rushed the two soldiers to a nearby army medical unit. But Tural Feldman was already dead. The sergeant was taken by helicopter to Sheba Hospital near Tel Aviv. The attack occurred some 500 metres from the Shati refugee camp, where three soldiers were slightly wounded in a grenade attack on a patrol last Sunday night.

In another incident yesterday morning, a bazooka rocket attached to a time fuse was discovered underneath a parked Egged bus in Kikar Palestina bar. A police sapper defused the shell before it could go off. The authorities are investigating.

Yesterday was the first time an Israeli soldier was killed by terrorist action in the Gaza Strip since December 1971. Other recent killings, or murder attempts (such as two tries on former Gaza Mayor Rashad Shawwa's life, and the killing last month of two neighbouring committee members, including a Catholic priest), are believed to be part of extremist opposition against what it considers to be Israeli attempts to change the political status quo. Local observers do not believe

Makarios defrocked by Cyprus Synod

NICOSIA (AP). — Cyprus President Archbishop Makarios was defrocked by the Holy Synod of the Cypriot Church yesterday. The synod tried him in absentia and found him guilty of violating church law through the exercise of temporal power as the President of the island republic. Makarios stated two days ago he would reject any decision by the three bishops of the church as "null and void from the beginning" as the convening of the synod by them "was irregular and unconstitutional." An announcement by the three bishops said they met as the "highest judicial authority of the autocephalous (independent) Church of Cyprus." It added that their verdict to strip Makarios of all his ecclesiastical offices, thus making him a layman, will become effective in 30 days time to give the Archbishop the opportunity to lodge an appeal if he so wishes. The bishops' decision, which has now split the Greek Orthodox Church of Cyprus, is generally regarded as a political move to weaken Makarios' position. Ecclesiastical sources believe the decision will be inevitably followed by a protracted bitter legal wrangle to decide which side is right. Makarios maintains the three bi-

shops have no right either to demand his resignation as head of state, or to take any steps against him for rejecting their demand to resign as President. "Laymen also feel the church split will inevitably increase the risk of civil war among the Greek Cypriot community. This is already present as a result of the confrontation between the government of Makarios and the armed underground groups of his main political opponent, General George Grivas, who launched an anti-government terrorist campaign three months ago. The three elderly bishops, Gennadios of Paphos, Anthimos of Kitium and Kyriakos of Kyrenia, are outspoken supporters of Grivas and his policy of enosis (union with Greece) at the price.

BEIRUT (AP). — Syrian President Hafez Assad warned Moslem religious leaders in Syria yesterday that he would strike with an iron hand at any attempts to foment further disorders against his government. "Until now we have not used violent measures and wish that we will not be forced to take such measures," Assad said in a speech marking the 11th anniversary of the Arab Socialist Bath Party's accession to power. Damascus Radio carried the speech. This was the first public admission by a Syrian official that sectarian disturbances had swept Syrian provinces during the last week of February.

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Gaddafi plaint: No pilots for Mirages

Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter
Libya's head of state, Colonel Mu'ammer Gaddafi, yesterday criticized his country's younger generation, saying that Libyan youth were reluctant to join the country's armed forces. In a meeting with Libyan university students, Gaddafi said that there were no Libyan pilots for the Mirage jets which he was receiving from France. He also said that no Libyan youth were joining the naval force which he is trying to build up.

The Libyan leader went on to complain that his call on Libyans to join the Palestinian terrorist movement met no response. "Only one single student volunteered" at the recruiting offices opened in Libya, Gaddafi said. In a meeting with Libyan university students, Gaddafi said that there were no Libyan pilots for the Mirage jets which he was receiving from France. He also said that no Libyan youth were joining the naval force which he is trying to build up.

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The worst explosion, which took over 100 casualties, was at the Old Bailey, sending a pillar of smoke up to the dome and blinding out the world-famous statue of the

Government agreement with engineers on wage demands — Page 5.

Mrs. Meir back next week

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Prime Minister Golda Meir is to spend the weekend in the vicinity of New York to rest from her hectic and crowded schedule during the 10 days she spent in the U.S. Government sources in Jerusalem said last night. She will return to Israel at the beginning of next week. In New York yesterday, Mrs. Meir was awarded an honorary degree of doctor of humane letters at a special convocation at Yeshiva University's uptown campus.

Zayyat in India

NEW DELHI (UPI). — Egyptian Foreign Minister Mohamed el-Zayyat arrived yesterday for a three-day official visit to India. He was greeted at the airport by Foreign Minister Swaran Singh. The visiting dignitary told newsmen at the airport that relations between the two countries were "the same as have been during the last 4,000 years." Mr. Singh said relations between the two countries were "excellent, as they have always been."

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One dead, 150 injured; IRA suspected Car bombs explode in London near Old Bailey, at Whitehall

By DAVID LENNON
Jerusalem Post Correspondent
and agencies



This was the scene outside the Old Bailey Central Criminal Courts in London after yesterday afternoon's car-bomb explosion, attributed to Irish guerrillas. (AP radiophoto)

The four cars, all common makes, contained upwards of 175 pounds of gelignite each. They were timed to go off simultaneously shortly before 3 p.m. As sirens from police cars, fire engines and ambulances wailed across the city people ran panic-stricken from buildings or stood outside in dazed and shocked groups. Parliament was temporarily suspended and bomb scares started to come in from major buildings all over the city including the "Times" newspaper and the London Stock Exchange, as well as government ministries in Whitehall. Suspicion immediately focused on the Provisional wing of the Irish Republican Army, particularly because of yesterday's border plebiscite in Northern Ireland. In addition, the new Irish Prime Minister, Liam Cosgrave, met with British Prime Minister Heath yesterday afternoon. (Stories, page 4.) Scotland Yard detectives detained eight men and two women at London's Heathrow Airport for questioning "as a result of a check on outward flights." The terse Yard statement gave no more details. But informants said the detectives swooped in on flights heading for Ireland. Other sources said police knew the identity of one man believed connected with the bombings, but he was not understood to be among those detained. His description was being circulated to all sea and airports in Britain, they said. A man in his sixties died later in hospital. There were many other stretcher cases and seriously wounded among the first 125 victims admitted to emergency wards. Eyewitnesses recounted horrific tales of torn limbs and blood in the streets.

N.Y. police silent on car bomb attempts

NEW YORK — Police maintained silence yesterday on investigations into the discovery of an explosive device in a car near the Kennedy airport cargo terminal of El Al. They also declined comment on reports by Israeli sources here that similar devices were found in parking cars outside the Manhattan branches of two Israeli banks, the Discount Bank and Bank Leumi. New York City police on Wednesday discovered three five-gallon plastic containers of petrol, three 20-lb. bottles of propane gas, and two plastic bags of explosives in a rented car outside the El Al terminal after the massive metal gates to the Old

Office watchman Barry Lock was eating lunch in a cafe near the Old Bailey. Standing in a pool of blood and bleeding himself from his forehead he told reporters: "I was blown right across the floor. I thought the building was coming down. It seemed like the war all over again."

The next thing I remember I was seeing the cafe boss with a walking stick outside was lying in the road — a vein was severed in her leg and her face and body were covered in blood."

A security guard was just closing the massive metal gates to the Old

The F.B.I. refused to say how they knew, but according to a report broadcast by Israel Radio the Israeli secret service gave the information.

The car outside the Discount Bank was illegally parked and police said they had towed it away without knowing it contained explosives.

The explosives were found later when an employee of the rental company came to restore the vehicle at a towing pound. Bomb squad officers were called and rushed to detach the timer from the explosives. (Reuter, AP)

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THE WEATHER

Forecast: Partly cloudy to fair, with a rise in temperatures.
Outlook for Saturday: Similar.
Weather Synopsis: A ridge over the eastern Mediterranean is causing fair weather in our region.

	Yesterday's Humidity	Yesterday's Min.-Max.	Today's forecast
Jerusalem	44	4-20	6-23
Golan	76	1-9	4-11
Nahariya	49	12-17	10-19
Safed	58	1-9	5-12
Haifa Port	49	12-16	10-18
Tiberias	40	6-23	8-21
Nazareth	48	5-14	6-16
Afula	46	3-17	3-19
Shomron	59	4-22	6-23
Tel Aviv	43	9-16	7-18
Lod Airport	44	4-17	4-19
Jericho	46	6-19	10-25
Gaza	50	8-18	7-30
Sderesheba	52	5-15	4-17
Eilat	28	10-21	10-25
Tiran Straits	33	13-21	12-24

Special and Personal

The Swedish Ambassador in Israel, Mr. Sten Sundfeldt, and Mrs. Sundfeldt, last night opened the new furniture showroom of Yerdoo International in Ramat Gan.

A neighbourhood park and playground named in memory of the late Dr. Alexander Amdur, a former member of the Jerusalem Municipal Council, was dedicated yesterday at the intersection of Hayassim and Nili streets. Attending the ceremony were Mayor Teddy Kollek, Mrs. Amdur, Deputy Mayor Shear Yashuv Cohen, and Mrs. Sara Herzog, widow of the late Chief Rabbi.

Mr. Klaus Werndt, former Economic Attaché of the German Consulate-General in Bombay, has assumed charge of the Consular and the Legal Departments of the Federal German Republic Embassy in Tel Aviv, replacing Mr. Dietrich Granow, who has been posted to The Hague.

The Hadassah regional presidents now visiting Israel yesterday visited the Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Centre where they were received by Prof. K.J. Mann, Director-General of H.M.O. They also visited Hadassah installations in Jerusalem and the Hadassah Education Services, where they met the director, Dr. Helen Kiltner.

The British Ambassador, Mr. W.B. Ledwidge, will address members of the Commercial and Industrial Club at the Z.O.A. House, Tel Aviv, today at 1.15 p.m. on "Israel, Britain and the Common Market."

Mr. Shmuel Tamir, M.K., will speak on "Income Tax Reform" at the Haifa Maritime and Economic Club at 1 p.m. today. Reservations by phone, 662554.

Mr. Aharon David Sela, general manager of Koor's Steel City at Acre, will speak on the company's expansion project at the Haifa Engineers Forum, at 1 p.m. today.

Prof. Shaul Shaked will lecture (in Hebrew) on "Problems in Israel's Relations with Other Cultures" during the Sasanian Period on Tuesday, March 13, 1973, at 8.15 p.m., at the Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities, 43 Rehov Jabotinsky, Talbich, Jerusalem.

ARRIVALS

Gerhard Mohr, West German trade union leader, and Mrs. Mohr, from Zurich, for a two-week visit as guests of the Histadrut (by Swisair).

Yakov Mayus, secretary of the Israel Peace Committee, from Rome, where he took part in the International Conference on Vietnam, organized by the Stockholm Bureau of Peace Committees.

1 dead, 5 hurt on Arava road

Jerusalem Post Staff
One person was killed and five others slightly injured in a collision between two pickup trucks Wednesday night on kilometre 45 of the Arava road.

Amram Atkin, 22, of Kibbutz Hatzor, who was driving one of the two vehicles, was killed immediately. The five injured were the driver of the other truck, Walid Dehashma, 23, and four of his passengers, all from Kfar Kana and Nazareth. All the injured were sent home after receiving first aid.

The Central Bureau of Statistics meanwhile has reported the traffic accident toll for February: 40 killed and 302 seriously injured in 1,194 accidents. In the administered areas, 10 persons were killed in 72 accidents in February.



Two members of the Ashkelon women's division of Enai Brith (left) visit 24-year-old Meir Kuzashvili in Ashkelon Hospital yesterday. The child was found lying unconscious in the sand dunes south of his home in Ashdod last Monday, with wounds in his eyes, ears, abdomen, groin and thighs. Police yesterday appeared to have finally abandoned the theory that he was attacked by a bird of prey or a wild animal, and are reportedly looking for a mentally disturbed assailant. Meir is the son of Georgian immigrants who settled in Ashdod a year ago. His mother, Nili, 24 (right), has not budged from his bedside since he was admitted to hospital. The child's father, Ya'acov, 36, is suffering from a heart ailment and has been unemployed for several months.

Yadlin says Ben-Aharon waging 'war of attrition' against Sapir

By MARK SEGAL
Jerusalem Post Political Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Labour Party Secretary-General Aharon Yadlin yesterday urged "an end to our internal wars of attrition" when referring to the latest campaign of Histadrut Secretary-General Yitzhak Ben-Aharon against Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir and his economic policies. Mr. Yadlin was addressing the Labour Party Central Committee at Beit Arlosoroff here.

Earlier Mr. Yadlin had vigorously rejected Mr. Ben-Aharon's charges that government economic policy — "fashioned by a one-man economic rule" — was creating millionaires and deepening the poverty gap. He said the Party's representatives are concentrating on economic development and closing social gaps. The Party's historical path is based on far-reaching cooperation between our Party's representatives in the Government and the Histadrut.

The Finance Minister for his part has declined to respond to Mr. Ben-Aharon. Speaking to the Lashvov younger leadership circle here late Wednesday night, Mr. Sapir said: "I have stopped reacting to his words for some time now. I decline to enter into any argument with him because the subject got out of my range of interest some time ago. Ben-Aharon attacks the Government and perhaps the Party and perhaps the Government wants to react. I will not utter a word for my part."

Knesset Finance Committee chairman

man Israel Kargman instead took up the cudgels, describing Mr. Ben-Aharon's charges as "slandorous and utterly irresponsible. It's a nasty system to attack Sapir the individual when the entire Government shares responsibility for this policy."

Mr. Yadlin told the Central Committee: "Henceforth I will not keep silent if the debate does not cleave to a comradely, civilized and responsible level especially on the eve of the election campaign. I warn everyone against internal wars of attrition. It's high time there was a real revolution in the style and content of our internal exchanges."

DIFFERING VIEWS
Two differing views on the Histadrut were presented in the Central Committee debate by Asher Yadlin, Hertzl Ovdin Secretary and Kupat Holim chairman, and Mr. Amos Degani, a moshav movement leader who is a member of both the Histadrut Central Committee and the Hertzl Ovdin management committee.

Mr. Yadlin, known for his close ties with Mr. Sapir, sounded a strong warning against the Histadrut taking an over-independent line of the Government. He cautioned that wage earners would suffer the most for lack of Histadrut cooperation with the Government, which, he stressed, controlled the fiscal and monetary instruments determining all Israel's living standards.

Defending the Government's record, Mr. Yadlin said the Histadrut

was to blame for current inflationary trends. He urged the Government and Histadrut not to submit to high wage demands and belittled Mr. Ben-Aharon's proposals for co-opting more workers onto Histadrut executive forums.

Mr. Degani said the main problem was a breakdown in communication between the Histadrut and its component parts. The link with the centre had weakened, he declared, whether with kibbutzim and moshavim, or the salaried professionals. He called for a revision of the ties between the Histadrut and its economic enterprises controlled by Hertzl Ovdin. Although he opposed many of Mr. Ben-Aharon's views, Mr. Degani said he nevertheless strongly supported his organizational reform proposals to directly involve workers' representatives in the top levels of the Histadrut.

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Two men rob T.A. bank

TEL AVIV. — Two masked men held up a Bank Hapoalim branch in the Ramat Yitzhak quarter yesterday. The exact amount of money taken was not known.

The two men, armed with an Uzi submachinegun and a revolver, entered the Rehov Hayarden branch a few minutes before 7 p.m. While one guarded the door the other cashier over to the cashier's booth shouting: "This is a holdup; anyone who moves steps a bullet." He forced the clerks to give him the money on hand.

After stuffing the money, estimated at several thousand pounds, into a cloth bag, the two robbers fled on foot. The clerks, the only ones present in the bank at that hour, described the two men to police later as tall, young, and very nervous. Road blocks were set up and a search was made of the area, but no arrests were reported as of last night.

Neighbours didn't enjoy 2 a.m. concert

HAIFA. — Three Haifa youths were fined yesterday for keeping their neighbours awake with rock music one night last year.

The three admitted to Magistrate Eliezer Bar that they had, as charged, been playing the phonograph in a Kiryat Sprinkak flat at 2 a.m. last April 22. Neighbours complained to police.

Judge Bar fined Eliyahu Alalouf, 22, IL200 and Ya'acov Kourkous, 23, IL150. David Elkayam, 18, got a IL100 fine. (Him)

Drive for aliya starts next week in France

LOD AIRPORT. — "Aliya Month" — a concentrated campaign to encourage immigration from the French Jewish community — will be launched throughout France on March 15. This was announced here yesterday by Uzi Narkiss, director of the Jewish Agency's Immigration Department, who left for Paris to help kick off the drive.

Mr. Narkiss said the campaign, in which most major French Jewish organizations were taking part, would try to reach all levels of French Jewry — particularly students and professionals. (Him)

FOR DRIVING a car without a licence and without its owner's permission, Gurion Zabra, 24, of Rosh Haayin, was sentenced to four years' imprisonment yesterday by a Petah Tikva magistrate.

Israeli citizen faces extradition to India from U.S.

NEW YORK (AP). — An extradition hearing began here Wednesday for a former judge advocate of the Indian Navy who allegedly embezzled \$500,000 before emigrating to Israel in 1967.

Elijah Ephraim Jhirad has been free on \$20,000 bail since he was arrested in New York last August. He has been working for a book firm here while fighting the attempt to return him to India to face charges there.

A lawyer representing the Indian Government said that Jhirad vanished from India after embezzling money from the Indian Naval Prize Fund — held for Indian personnel who served in World War II — which he was administering. The lawyers said it was learned that Jhirad came to Israel in 1967 and became a citizen, moving to the U.S. in 1971. In Israel he lived in Jerusalem and Haifa, where he was a consultant to the Department of Shipping and Ports of the Transport Ministry.

The defendant, who insists he is innocent, claims India has been trying to punish him for his "political activities on behalf of Israel."

Shraga Netzer appeals to Mapam on mayoral bill

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Labour Party municipal affairs head Shraga Netzer yesterday appealed to Mapam to instruct its Knesset members to abstain, rather than vote against the direct mayoral elections bill on Monday in the Knesset.

He made his appeal to Mapam Knesset whip Rouven Arzi, and Mapam Political Secretary Natfali Feder. Mr. Netzer explained that abstention or opposing vote by Mapam M.K.'s would cause "understandable bitterness" among the Labour Party's leaders in local authorities, the overwhelming majority of whom are pressing for electoral reform. Mr. Netzer held there was no need to rupture the existing harmony between the Alignment partners at the local level.

Mapam sources doubted whether Mr. Netzer's appeal would influence Mapam. It was noted that Mr. Arzi has personally tabled about three-quarters of the 52 amendments to the mayoral election reform bill after having failed to stop it in committee stage together with two other Alignment M.K.'s, Mr. Avraham Ofer (Labour-Mapai) and Mrs. Shoshana Almosino (Labour-Abdui Ha'avoda).

250 architects form independent association

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The Independent Association of Israeli Architects was formally founded at a short ceremony at Beit Sokolow yesterday. Some 250 architects, the overwhelming majority of whom appear to be in their thirties and forties, attended the meeting which was presided over by Sandra Mandel. A 14-member council was elected in secret ballot.

Benjamin Chlenov greeted the gathering in the name of "the old generation," a dozen of whose members were seen in the hall. (The majority of the "established" architects chose to remain in the Association of Engineers and Architects, from whose midst the new organization splintered.)

According to the founder, the new association will seek to enhance the quality of building and preserve the environment in Israel.

In a press conference recently Mr. Mandel and other members of the new association said they had decided to break away from the parent organization "because the special interests of the architects were being ignored by its leaders, who are predominantly engineers."

Elhanan Peles, president of the Engineers and Architects Association, told The Jerusalem Post yesterday that the new group was "small and unimportant."

London car bombs

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organization or any particular quarter," Carr said.

He appealed to the public "to give the police every cooperation possible at this time."

He urged people "not to congregate. It is the worst possible thing they could do, and if there were a further explosion it could lead to tragedy."

Outside the Old Bailey, detective chief inspector Robin Francis — his shirt and coat spattered with blood from face cuts — said: "We have had contingency plans for this sort of situation for some time."

"I am sure these explosions won't be the last."

"I know exactly what they must feel like in Northern Ireland now," said Eddie Moon, a 53-year-old Londoner. Many here had never thought this possible.

In London it is still rare for police to carry firearms. When an officer is issued a pistol for a special case it is headline news.

The day of drama began when two policemen of the special patrol group noticed a car parked beside the Scotland Yard police headquarters building. Their suspicions were aroused when they noticed that it had new number plates, while the car itself seemed to be a much older model.

This discovery was made at 8.30 a.m., and within half an hour police explosives experts had defused it. The bomb consisted of gelignite, a box of detonators and wires linking it to the car clock which was set to explode the device at about 3 p.m.

A second, bomb-laden car was discovered at Smith Square outside the headquarters of the Conservative Party. This car was parked only minutes away from the Parliament and just around the corner from the London home of Labour Party leader Harold Wilson. This discovery came in the early afternoon but the police were able to defuse this bomb too, before it blew up.

First reports indicate that police received a single tip-off about the location of this bomb and the two which went off. The warning came only shortly before the time set to detonate them.

Top police officials revealed at a press conference yesterday afternoon that they had been on the lookout for bombs after receiving secret reports from the special branch unit of the Irish police. However, the bombers chose their day well because due to a rail strike there were almost double the normal number of cars in the city, and parking restrictions had been suspended in many streets to accommodate the swollen influx.

Banks agree to lend more to Gov't

Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter
The banks have agreed to increase their loan to the Government by IL140m. (from IL260m. to IL400m.) in the coming fiscal year. Addressing a meeting with the bankers in Tel Aviv yesterday, Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir explained that this is a contribution to the battle against inflation, since it would take money out of circulation.

Also decided in principle is that the Government will apply the Added Value Tax to banks and insurance companies in 1973/74, although the adoption of the AVT in the economy at large is planned only for April 1974.

Bankers pointed out that financial institutions are exempt in many countries which have applied the AVT. Mr. Sapir answered that the Ashd Committee on tax reform specifically recommended the inclusion of such institutions. If the general AVT is 10 per cent, the tax on financial agencies should be 3.5 per cent, the Committee calculated — since (unlike factories) banks and insurance companies cannot deduct the amount of tax paid during previous phases in the production process.

Also discussed were ideas to make savings more attractive. One proposal to be examined by the Treasury involves raising the ceiling for tax exemption on savings accounts from IL15,000 to IL25,000.

A final meeting to wind up consultations with the bankers will be held on Sunday, the Treasury spokesman said.

PAYIS WINNERS
The IL150,000 grand prizes in the Mifal Hapayis lottery were drawn yesterday by tickets 391606 and 750652. Number 359778 won IL50,000 and numbers 419439 and 634967 won IL12,500. Tickets 326416, 390290, 567835 and 582307 won IL6,250. Tickets ending in 4 won IL4.

The following won IL1,250: 029733, 460200, 671517, 780808, 782141, 078083, 436332, 633485, 851401, 065701, 111406, 621225, 741437, 061375, 097429, 515593, 737139, 027718, 092607, 496508 and 650731.

6 held for bomb blast at Nahariya cafe owner's home

ACRE. — Six Nahariya men were remanded yesterday for 15 days in connection with the explosion of a hand grenade on the apartment balcony of Yosef Vanonu, a local cafe owner on Wednesday morning.

The six are Zion Dahnan, 23, Yehuda Asulin, 23, Yehazkel Natan, 20, Yitzhak Asulin, 24, and David Asid, 37. Police said they believe the incident is connected with a business dispute between Mr. Vanonu and other Nahariya cafe owners. (Him)

275 AMERICAN BOOKS on economics go on display Sunday in the main lobby of Tel Aviv's America House. The exhibit, arranged by the U.S. Cultural Centre, includes books from 60 publishers on decision-making, international interdependence, and the American economy. At the end of April it will be transferred to the central library of Tel Aviv University.

Tow truckers end six-day strike

By ERNIE MEYER
Jerusalem Post Reporter
The 300 members of the Shamgar tow truck organization last night ended their six-day strike. The drivers of the 75 tow trucks parked in front of Binyanei Ha'Ooma in the Capital since last week had all cleared out by nightfall.

Zvi Pick, chairman of Shamgar and the Israel Garage Association, told The Post last night that the decision to end the strike was taken yesterday following a three-hour meeting with Police Minister Shlomo Hillel and the chairman of the Knesset Economic Committee, Avraham Shechterman, in Jerusalem Wednesday evening.

The Police Minister had told the

strikers that police have to stick to the terms of the contract it awarded the rival Magor towing organization. Magor won the tender to remove vehicles in distress whenever it police call. In view of the economic hardship to the other drivers, however, he had promised to investigate the entire towing industry with the assistance of the Transport Ministry. (Shamgar drivers said the would be deprived of their livelihood if Magor got a monopoly on the police towing jobs.)

The Shamgar truckers ended their strike although they received a definite promise of changes in the present situation. "We have faith that the Police Minister will protect our livelihood," Mr. Pick said.

Insulting remark halts voting in Haifa U. election

Jerusalem Post Staff
HAIFA. — Voting for the new Haifa University Student Union council was halted yesterday morning, after the elections committee resigned in protest over one candidate's insulting remark about Arabs.

The resignation followed a sit-in at the University's main building by supporters of the leftist "Yesh" list. A meeting of student and faculty leaders later in the day decided to hold an informal probe of the matter next week.

The elections are being contested by five lists, "Yesh," which enjoys wide support among Arab students, is trying to regain the control which the Labour-Cahal "Yahdav" bloc manoeuvred them out of last October.

The trouble began on Wednesday afternoon, with a political argument between two Jewish students, a male "Yahdav" candidate and a girl from "Yesh." During the argument the "Yahdav" man allegedly made insulting remarks about Arabs.

Tension escalated, and yesterday morning a crowd of 200 "Yesh" supporters and sympathizers occupied the University's main building for a peaceful sit-down, protesting the insult.

The elections committee then resigned, saying they had lost control of situation and "could not be responsible for what might happen on campus." At that point some 1,300 of the 4,500 students eligible had already cast their ballots. The voting, which had begun on Tuesday night at the University-affiliated Oranin Teachers Seminary near Tivon, was due to end last night.

In a statement issued later yesterday, the elections committee charged the press with having incited feelings by exaggerating the "Yahdav" man's remarks. The insulting remark had been the last straw, the committee said. They also accused some of the lists with failing to help with last-minute attempts to avert a breakdown.

H.U. students urge ad hoc body control Student Union funds

Jerusalem Post Reporter
A student group calling itself "180" is circulating a petition at the Hebrew University calling for a probe into the way the University's Student Union handles its funds.

In a letter they say they have sent to University President Avraham Harman and other University officials, the group charges that financial and administrative shortcomings have turned up in Student Union affairs in recent years. Stating that at present the Union's committee of review is appointed by the Union itself and changed every two months, "180" calls for immediate establishment of an ad hoc investigating committee made up of University personnel and of students who are not Union members.

The group say they have already collected several hundred student signatures on their petition.

250 architects form independent association

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The Independent Association of Israeli Architects was formally founded at a short ceremony at Beit Sokolow yesterday. Some 250 architects, the overwhelming majority of whom appear to be in their thirties and forties, attended the meeting which was presided over by Sandra Mandel. A 14-member council was elected in secret ballot.

Benjamin Chlenov greeted the gathering in the name of "the old generation," a dozen of whose members were seen in the hall. (The majority of the "established" architects chose to remain in the Association of Engineers and Architects, from whose midst the new organization splintered.)

According to the founder, the new association will seek to enhance the quality of building and preserve the environment in Israel.

In a press conference recently Mr. Mandel and other members of the new association said they had decided to break away from the parent organization "because the special interests of the architects were being ignored by its leaders, who are predominantly engineers."

Elhanan Peles, president of the Engineers and Architects Association, told The Jerusalem Post yesterday that the new group was "small and unimportant."

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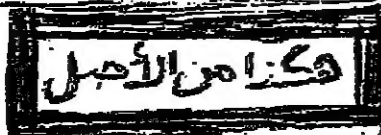
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106th Sinai victim dies; 2 discharged

Jerusalem Post Staff
JERUSALEM. — One of the 106th Sinai victims, a 22-year-old man, died at Soroka Medical Center here early yesterday morning after doctors battled in vain for two weeks to save his life.

The death of the 22-year-old victim brought to 106 the number of persons who died in the crash. He was identified only a few days ago, when he briefly regained consciousness for the first time.

Two other patients were discharged from hospital yesterday and flown to Egypt, via Kantara, under the auspices of the International Red Cross. They were Egyptian hotel employee Mohamed el-Shariya, 26, and Fathi el-Kom, an 18-year-old Libyan.

The number of survivors still hospitalized in Israel dropped to three after yesterday's repatriation of the two men. Another survivor, French plane steward Jean-Francois Burdick, was flown to Paris for continued treatment on Monday. The two still here — and the co-pilot of the downed Libyan plane, Yunus el-Mehdi, who is hospitalized at Jerusalem's Hadassah Hospital — are described as in "stable condition" and out of danger.

Dr. Moshe Feuchtwanger, the Beersheba surgeon who operated on Jean-Francois Burdick, will leave today for Paris after being summoned last night for urgent consultations on Burdick's condition, which is described as critical.

Waiting for the army helicopter that was to take them to Kantara for repatriation, Fathi el-Kom dictated a note to one of the nurses, expressing thanks for "the devoted treatment" he received. He said that before the disaster he had regarded all Israelis as his enemies. But after his experience in the Israeli hospital he said, "If all Israelis behave as the people here do, then they are good people."

His Egyptian companion added that wounded Israelis who fall into Egyptian hands are also treated humanely.

Mr. Kom said he was happy to hear that Israel was going to compensate the survivors and the families of the victims. He needed the money, he added, since he had only an ordinary citizen's salary and lacked the means to get home to Libya from Egypt.

Leaving the hospital, they bade an emotional farewell to the doctors and staff members who had treated them. Mr. Shariya, who is still confined to the Hadassah hospital, Dr. Yosef Stern, the hospital director, then he turned around and waved his hand. "Goodbye, hospital," he called, in English.

Two delegates of the International Red Cross — identified only as "Prof. Gempert, rearmament specialist, and Dr. Bernath, surgeon" — visited all the survivors in Beersheba and Jerusalem on Monday and filed detailed reports on their condition. It was noted that all the patients were receiving excellent medical care.

Libyan 'Times' ad hits Israel on plane disaster

By DAVID LENNON

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON. — Libya yesterday called for an international investigation into the downing of the Libyan airliner over Sinai in a full-page advertisement placed in "The Times" by its embassy here.

Under the headline, "The Libyan Arab Republic records its views on the Boeing 727 disaster," it writes: "The recent calculated shooting of an unarmed airliner by the Israeli Air Force over Sinai poses many important questions... the debatable question therefore is this: what is the guilt, if any, for which the Israelis shot down the airliner?"

The answer to this question can only be ascertained by a team of impartial international investigators. But the Israelis, being afraid of the findings of such a team, have ignored calls for such an investigation."

This is followed by a lengthy quotation from the press conference statement in Tripoli of Abu Zeid Dawid, Minister of Information, among his remarks repeated is a quotation from a Jerusalem Post editorial.

The English-language Jerusalem Post said in an editorial on February 22 that a "disaster of such proportions was beyond the battle

of words and beyond the realm of political conflict. It is the tragic death of so many innocent people upon which our attention is directed."

The advertisement continues: "But we know from General Daryan's and his war lords' public statements that they do not care for Israeli public opinion any more than they care for world opinion." This is followed by extensive quotations from the critical comments made by world leaders and governments as well as critical press comment from "The Times," "Le Monde," "The Washington Post," "Eluminate," "The Daily Mail," and the "Sunday Times."

Experts to re-study laws on granting pilot licences

Jerusalem Post Aviation Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Criticism voiced at a public hearing here yesterday on proposed regulations governing the granting of pilots' licences resulted in the Transport Minister announcing he would appoint a committee of professional men to look into the reservation expressed.

The public hearing, to which representatives of all sectors of Israel's civil aviation were invited, was held at the initiative of the Transport Ministry. Opening the meeting in Beit Sotolow, the Minister, Shimon Peres, said it was an experiment which, if successful, would blaze the trail for public participation in the drawing up of regulations and laws with regard to other public services.

He stressed that, in the final analysis, laws were made to serve not the authorities but the public; particularly that section of it most

Part retroactive to April 1972 Engineers win 35% total wage increase

Jerusalem Post Staff

The Government agreed yesterday to grant a wage rise averaging 35 per cent to the country's engineers and technicians. The increase will be more than that in the upper grades, and less in the lower ones, in accordance with the wage table recommended by arbitrator Yehoshua Meisel, Deputy Secretary-General of the Histadrut.

The new wage scale will be as follows (basic pay is given in terms of pounds per month):

FORMER GRADE	NEW GRADE	BASIC PAY
A++	9	1670
A+	8	1400
A	7	1272
B	6	1120
C	5	985
D	4	800

To this must be added ILAS6 a month's cost-of-living allowance, increments for seniority and dependants, and other benefits. On the other hand, automatic promotion and overtime pay are abolished.

The Meisel recommendation includes the addition of another grade (10) in a year's time. It is thought that engineers who are in the top grade by virtue of their responsibility on the job will then go up to 10, while those who reached the top grade through automatic promotions will stay in 9.

Similarly, engineers who were in A+ according to responsibility will go up to 8 (a grade that does not figure in the above chart), while those in A+ through automatic promotion will remain in 7.

Average increase in basic wage comes to 18 per cent — though the increase for Grade 9 is just over 50 per cent, while the lower ranks are considerably below the average. The overall 35 per cent wage rise

includes a number of improvements that are already incorporated in pay packets — a 10.5 per cent rise in C.O.I. allowance (paid last July and in January of this year); a 6 per cent wage increase (incorporated in the basic pay), as approved under the "framework wage agreement" last year; and wage creep of 4 per cent, to which should be added 1 per cent for the fellowship fund that does not directly affect pay packets. Additional new cash gain, therefore, comes to 13.5 per cent before tax — but this is retroactive to April of last year.

Government negotiators will meet with representatives of the engineers' union next week to complete the details of the agreement.

RAMIFICATIONS

The question now is whether the other civil servants will accept this change for the engineers without asking for a change in their own wage contracts. Informed circles think they will not remain passive. They already have a 31 per cent wage hike, but are expected (despite pressure from Histadrut headquarters) to claim the full 35 per cent received by the engineers. In that case, the engineers will probably demand the overtime pay that civil servants get and engineers do not.

It will be recalled that the academic workers (who are linked to the engineers) have bargained hard to retain overtime pay as an extra benefit — and the matter was referred for arbitration to Uriel Abrahamowicz, chairman of the Histadrut's Trade Union Department. It is likely (that if the civil servants get the same wage rise as the engineers, Mr. Abrahamowicz will pronounce for the academics (and therefore for the engineers) in the matter of overtime pay.

Technion faculty call for 'honest' salary system

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Over 200 senior Technion faculty members have signed a petition calling for a "dignified, above-board" wage system that would eliminate the "agreed lie" of complicated increments.

Prof. Azriel Elyazar, chairman of the Technion's Faculty Association, told The Jerusalem Post yesterday that some of the increments — which

include professional literature, phone allowances and car mileage — are "fictions" — an "agreed lie" designed to evade income tax and pull the wool over other workers' eyes.

In Prof. Elyazar's view, the system of increments — which in some cases make up 50 per cent of the total pay — is responsible for most of this country's labour troubles.

"Every group of workers fears that they may be missing out on the exorbitantly named increments granted to others," he said, "and demand the same for themselves." Increment-free, above-board, all-inclusive wages would eliminate this problem, he added.

MAKE A START

It is probably impractical to eliminate all the increments at once, Prof. Elyazar said, "but they should be limited to no more than 15 per cent of the total pay." To cover real, not fictitious, needs, he said, the faculty members had asked the management of the Technion and other universities to at least make a start — right now.

Prof. Elyazar said that in 1964 he had successfully negotiated an all-inclusive annual wage of IL24,000 for Technion professors. "But since then more and more increments have been added," he said, "and the time has come to return to honest wages."

He noted the present system was so complicated that the Civil Service Commission had recently put out a booklet to explain the wage slip (the infamous *losh*) to civil servants. "Obviously no one will agree to have his increments replaced by gross (taxable) pay. A way will have to be found to translate them into net pay. It is not impossible," Prof. Elyazar, who is a mathematician, said.



Army medics demonstrate evacuation of wounded soldiers using new stretchers that come complete with attached (disposable) transfusion bags.

Medical Corps shows off new front-line equipment

Jerusalem Post Military Correspondent

The I.D.F. Medical Corps yesterday unveiled a variety of new equipment, most of it meant for the front lines, aimed at cutting down the time it takes to get medical aid to injured men.

On display was a hospital tent, complete with emergency ward, scrub room, laboratory and operating theatre. The hospital also contains its own X-ray equipment (which can be dropped by parachute) and blood bank, both of which can operate without a steady electrical current. The equipment vastly improves the medical treatment now available to soldiers in the field, and the operating theatre — which can be erected in 90 minutes — is equipped to handle all the various types of complicated operations which may have to be done before the soldier can safely be removed to a hospital behind the front lines.

The operating theatre is fully sterilized, and the medical staff have been provided with throw-away paper gowns. One-the-spot sterilizers ensure that all equipment can be prepared for surgery within seven minutes.

DISPOSABLE LINEN

Other sections of field hospitals have also been improved by use of disposable linen and improved field beds. Post-operative wards and receiving stations are housed in specially designed tents capable of holding some 20 patients at one time, and ensuring that wounded soldiers can receive all the necessary treatment at a standard similar to that given at base hospitals.

Advances have also been made in adapting civilian vehicles for evacuating wounded. An Egged or Dan bus can be converted into an ambulance for 15 wounded (plus eight more who can sit) within two or three hours by removing the seats and fitting ready-made brackets to hold stretchers. Transit vans and tenders have been similarly fitted.

A senior medical officer said yesterday that steps have been taken in the field of preventive medicine as well. Most soldiers serving in the Jericho district have now been inocu-

lated against "Rose of Jericho" — a scar-leaving disease carried by flies in the area — and front-line troops have been inoculated against yellow fever. (The incidence of these diseases amongst troops has dropped over the past two years, he reported.)

More schools closed, teachers still not paid

By SARAH HONIG

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Six schools in Netanyahu schools, three in Petah Tikva, and a large number of Rehovot kindergartens were closed yesterday, as teachers protested the fact that they have not yet received their February pay cheques.

Similar strike action Wednesday kept 3,000 Rishon LeZion children out of school; but most Rishon teachers were back on the job yesterday morning, after the Ministry of Education promised to rush their salaries through. School secretaries were hurriedly dispatched to the Ministry's Tel Aviv offices yesterday to pick up the payroll and avert another walkout.

Some teachers in Rishon LeZion who did not yet receive their salary continued to strike. The teachers in the central part of the country have been complaining since the beginning of the school year that they are not getting their pay on time. The Histadrut

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Foca Hirsch indicted for hiding income

TEL AVIV. — Local society figure and businessman Foca Hirsch, 61, and his Sidev Import firm were indicted in District Court here yesterday on charges of concealing more than \$100,000 in revenue.

Hirsch, who entered the news in May of last year when tax raiders found him unconscious in one of his homes, was accused of hiding commissions on some \$2m. worth of American electronic equipment imported into Israel between 1967 and 1970. According to the charges, Sidev which had exclusive Israeli rights to the goods — mostly defence equipment — earned fees of over \$100,000 in foreign currency on the transactions. The commissions were allegedly paid whether or not the shipments passed through Sidev's hands.

The prosecution also charged that Hirsch had failed to notify the Finance Ministry on receiving the money in foreign currency, and that some of it was never transferred to Israel.

Hirsch was first arrested in connection with the case in August, and has been free on bail. Last October he was fined IL1,000 for refusing to answer police interrogators' questions about alleged foreign currency violations.

Cruise ships skirt Beirut since blast

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The Greek m.s. Regina arrived with 300 American pilgrims for a five-day stay yesterday. Following last Saturday's explosion on board the s.s. Soudon in Beirut harbour, the Regina cut out her scheduled call in Beirut, and will stay an extra day in Israel instead.

Tomorrow another Greek liner, the Florida, is due with 280 U.S. pilgrims. The ship was chartered by Wholesale Tours to replace the Soudon. She too, will stay five days, leaving Beirut out of her itinerary.

Over 1,200 British high school pupils and teachers arrived here for a two-day visit on the British liner, s.s. Uganda, yesterday. The ship, which is on a Mediterranean "educational cruise," arrived directly from Alexandria.

RUGBY GAMES TOMORROW

Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — National League rugby will have a new venue tomorrow, when Tel Aviv University meets Ramat Gan "A" at Holon's "Kiryat Hasport" in the Jessie Cohen area. Kick-off is at 3 p.m.

In Jerusalem, the Hebrew University is entertaining the Technion at Givat Ram's Grosberg Stadium starting at 2 p.m. This National League fixture will be the first encounter between the two universities.

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Bnai Brith chartering Russian lodge here

By ERMIE MEYER

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Bnai Brith will charter a new lodge for Russian immigrants on Monday, to join the 190 lodges (with 8,000 members) the organization already has here.

This was announced to the press in Jerusalem yesterday by David Blumberg, International President of Bnai Brith. Mr. Blumberg is here at the head of a delegation of 300 national and regional leaders participating in a 10th anniversary mission to Israel, from March 6 to 14.

In answer to a question he said Bnai Brith had long ago abandoned its stance of selectivity. "We would like to quadruple our membership overnight, if we could," he said.

On the problem of *aliya* from the U.S., Mr. Blumberg admitted that many Bnai Brith leaders are not sufficiently well informed on Israel and that a more effective *aliya* programme has to be developed. There is a 30-member *aliya* study group in Israel now, and it is also planned to twin Bnai Brith lodges in Israel with U.S. lodges to help with the adjustment of U.S. immigrants here, he said.

Asked about the attitude of Bnai Brith toward the Jewish Defense League, Mr. Blumberg said his organization believes in dialogue and education and is opposed to violence. "Many young people have become disenchanted with the League," he said.

(The Anti-Defamation League of Bnai Brith was founded in 1913 and is celebrating its 60th anniversary this year, he added.)



David Blumberg

David Blumberg, 59, a Knoxville, Tennessee, insurance executive, was elected Bnai Brith International President in 1971 for a three-year term. He will preside at the semi-annual meeting of the International Board of Governors, highest policy body of the 500,000-member organization, opening in Tel Aviv on March 11.

The new Russian-speaking lodge, in Tel Aviv, will be inaugurated in a festive ceremony at Bnai Brith House in Rehov Kaplan on Monday evening. The lodge already has 150 members, mostly academics, organized in a men's division and a women's division. A youth division is in the process of organization.

Bnai Brith leaders feel their organization can play an important role in immigrant absorption. Three other lodges are composed entirely of English-speaking immigrants from Western countries.

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View looking down from the 11th floor of an office building at scene outside central criminal courts in the Old Bailer, London, after yesterday's car bomb blast. (AP radiophoto)

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BEAR-FACED PROTEST — Two teachers in the London borough of Camden wear teddy bear suits in protest march by teachers on Wednesday to Speaker's Corner to support their demand for pay rises. (AP radiophoto)

Chaos in London — second rail strike

LONDON (UPI). — A national rail strike produced chaos on the roads yesterday.

Traffic jams up to ten kms. long swarmed highways leading into London. Many frustrated commuters abandoned buses in the jams and walked to work.

The strike, the second in a week, was part of a series of union protests against the four-month-old government wage freeze. Strikes by teachers, gasmen and hospital workers added to the disruption.

Police said parking would be free and opened emergency car parks. Even so many commuters simply stayed home rather than face three to four-hour journeys to work and the uncertainty of being able to get home again.

Many companies in London put their key employees up in hotels on Wednesday night to be sure they would be at work yesterday. On the London stock exchange they were christened the "bed and breakfast boys." Stock dealers said trading was cut about 30 per cent by dealers who didn't arrive.

Transport Ministry John Peyton told the rail unions yesterday they were only harming the railway industry which employed them.

"Those who have been ready to wield a big stick have won quite enough struggles," he told a radio audience. "I don't think they should win this one."

The railmen plan one-day shutdowns every Sunday from now on, along with work slowdowns, until their demand for a \$2.25 weekly pay hike is met. But the government has clamped a freeze on wage claims that only permits increases

of one pound, plus four per cent of weekly base pay until the fall at the earliest.

In other wage disputes, more than 750 of Britain's 2,250 hospitals were affected yesterday by a week of walkouts by more than 200,000 non-medical auxiliaries such as cooks, cleaners, laundry women and porters.

Many had to draw on government stock of disposable bedsheets and linen because they had used up their own. The strikes by laundry staff had meant filthy and sometimes infected linen remained unwashed.

The strike was linked to its first death on Wednesday when an unidentified man, sent home because of the labour strife, died in Sheffield. He had been scheduled to undergo surgery that could have saved his life, doctors claimed.

The state-run gas corporation warned of explosion dangers after 47,000 striking gasmen threatened to cut off supplies to about 500,000 homes. Gas corporation officials described the union threat as "blackmail."

Since the strike began on February 14 some four million homes have had gas pressure reduced. More than 3,000 factories, schools and businesses have had supplies cut off and thousands of workers have been idled.

And Britain's 280,000 miners, bitter because the state-owned coal board will not give them a third week's paid holiday every year, are threatening to strike and cripple industry. Trade union leaders plan a one-day national strike next month that will lurch Britain to a standstill. (UPI, AP)

Spanish pilot blames French controllers for crash

MADRID (UPI). — Antonio Jose Arenas, captain of a Spantax charter jet which limped to safety after a mid-air collision over France on Monday, yesterday blamed French air traffic controllers for the accident.

"They are like carpenters trying to do the work of a sculptor," Arenas said of the French military personnel who have been directing air traffic over France during a strike of civilian controllers.

"They did not use the correct terminology or speak correct English — the international language of air control," Arenas, 39, added. "During the crucial period they failed to reply — except to say they 'did not understand' and to tell us to change our radio frequency."

Arenas, who has been a pilot for 17 years, said he had no idea what struck his Coronado Conquest 990, causing it to lose part of the left wing at the junction with the engine.

"We were in the clouds, and I suddenly felt the impact. From then on it was just a terrible struggle to control the plane. It was not until we had landed that I knew that the Iberia jet had crashed nearby killing all the passengers."

Arenas, looking tired and tense, denied accusations by French authorities that he had caused the crash by ignoring ground instructions.

"I believe ground control was to blame. They have not sufficient experience to deal with air traffic as dense as it is in France," he said.

Arenas said he was exhausted and had had only a few hours of sleep during his last three days in the hands of French authorities. He said it had been made difficult for him to contact Spanish authorities and he had not been permitted to leave the office where he was confined.

Meanwhile, on the 19th day of the French strike yesterday, 35 airlines refused to service cities in France or to fly over French-controlled territory.

A spokesman for Air Canada, one of the airlines which cancelled service, said in Montreal yesterday that while Orly Airport in Paris was operating up to standard, "air traffic beacons in the rest of France are totally disorganized and it is not safe to cross through French air space."

The French Government has reluctantly opened negotiations with the strikers who are demanding wage adjustments and the right to strike. But the politically charged dispute was not expected to be settled before Sunday's runoff legislative elections.

The two main American overseas carriers, Pan American and TWA, were among the seven companies operating normally into Orly Airport. The others were Swissair, and four Arab companies, Middle East Airlines, Air Algeria, Tunis Air and Royal Air Morocco.

Three Rhodesian blacks get death for landmine death

SALISBURY (Reuters). — Three Africans were sentenced to death here yesterday for the murder of an army corporal killed by a landmine blast under an army vehicle last December.

Corporal Norman Moore and other soldiers were heading for a farm in the Centenary area of eastern Rhodesia which had been attacked by African terrorists, when the mine exploded.

The names of the three men sentenced yesterday were not disclosed, but it was stated that only the first accused had been a member of the terrorist gang. The second and third accused had assisted in the murder.

The first accused told the court, "I was trained abroad before I came into this country. I attacked this homestead because I am fighting against the white man."

The other two said they had not been trained to fight and one added that he only became involved because of threats that "if anybody refuses to help they will be killed."

Soviets again attack Heykal

MOSCOW (AP). — The Soviet Union yesterday escalated its attacks on Mohammed Hassanin Heykal, the Cairo newspaper editor and presidential adviser that Moscow says is writing "tendentious, lying, unfriendly statements" about the Soviet Union.

The weekly "Za Rubezhom" (Abroad) accused Heykal, editor of "Al-Ahram," of slandering the Soviet Union and "ignoring Egypt's national interests, advancing along the road of undermining the course of friendship and cooperation with the Soviet Union drawn up by Gamal Abdul Nasser and continued now by President Anwar Sadat."

The new attack followed a major article in Wednesday's "Literary Gazette" that challenged Sadat to silence the influential editor.

Writing in "Abroad," the weekly of the union of journalists, Yuri Potomov said Heykal has made frequent attempts lately "to distort the essence of friendly Soviet-Arab relations, to ascribe to Soviet policy intentions that are alien to it."

Mrs. Irving gets 2 years' jail in Hughes book hoax

ZURICH. — A Swiss court yesterday sentenced Edith Irving to a two-year jail term for her part in the \$650,000 Howard Hughes autobiography hoax.

The 35-year-old Mrs. Irving, whose husband is serving a 2½-year sentence in the U.S. for selling a fake autobiography of the millionaire for \$650,000, was found guilty of charges of fraud and using false documents.

Mrs. Irving used a fake passport in the name of Helga R. Hughes to cash cheques in a Swiss bank to receive the money for the concocted autobiography.

In July, 1972, she served a two-month sentence in the U.S. and then voluntarily came to Switzerland, where she is a citizen, to answer further fraud charges. The Zurich High Court said the two months already served in the U.S. would be deducted from her sentence.

Mrs. Irving had told the court she had considered the hoax to be a "joke" and that her main motive in helping her writer-husband was to save her marriage.

Mrs. Irving was also sentenced to pay trial costs, estimated by one judge at about 70,000 francs (\$20,000). The court noted that because of the dollar devaluation, Swiss franc funds recovered from the swindle and frozen in Swiss banks had increased in value by 58,400 francs and ruled that this additional money be awarded to the



EDITH IRVING

defendant to help cover the costs.

The court formally recognized damage claims filed by McGraw-Hill, totaling some 1.27 million francs — about \$390,000. In addition, it awarded McGraw-Hill a nominal 400 francs to help cover legal fees.

A damage claim filed by Howard Hughes for \$386,700 was not recognized by the court, which suggested he file a civil law suit. (UPI, AP)

Eleven U.S. stunt chutists killed in crash

SILE HOPE, N.C. (AP). — A plane and a crew chief were killed. Eleven U.S. stunt chutists carrying the army's Golden Knights stunt parachute team on a recruiting tour crashed into a cornfield yesterday and military authorities said at least 14 persons perished.

A spokesman at Fort Bragg, where the flight originated, said 11 members of the team, two pilots

Crackdown on hirsute N.Y. policemen

NEW YORK (AP). — The police were given the word yesterday that excessive outcroppings of facial hair on the men in blue will no longer be tolerated in New York City.

Placed on the banned list in a police department directive were "gross muttonchops, beards, goatees, etc." and moustaches that "extend beyond the corner of the mouth or drop below the corner of the mouth."

Hair styles must be "tapered to the general shape of the head and not reaching the collar," and sideburns may slip no lower than "the bottom of the lobe of the ear," the directive said.

Exempted from the order were officers on special assignment and those with a "medical problem" certified by the police surgeon.

Britain, U.S. agree on new cheap air fares

LONDON (Reuters). — Britain and the U.S. have reached a compromise agreement allowing for cheap North Atlantic charter air fares, it was announced here yesterday.

Britain's Civil Aviation Authority (C.A.A.) said advance booking charter flights between the U.K. and the U.S. would go ahead as planned from April 1.

An agreement will be signed shortly allowing charter traffic to begin under the rules of the country where the flights originate, the C.A.A. said. This would allow British airlines to set fare structures for advance-booking charter flights lower than U.S. airlines.

Emigres relate hardships of Soviet Jewish intellectuals

ROME (Reuters). — Two Soviet Jews who recently emigrated from the Soviet Union held a press conference here on Wednesday at which they related the difficulties facing Jewish intellectuals and professional people who wished to leave the U.S.S.R.

The two were Vadim Belokobovskiy, a 44-year-old writer who emigrated last November 1, and Dmitri Simas, 25, a political scientist who left on January 2. Both are awaiting visas to the U.S.

The emigres said that following the visit of President Nixon to Moscow last May an ever wider range of people were refused exit visas because they were considered specialists, or had "secret" jobs.

One woman was refused because she had worked as a dishwasher in a military unit, while a university professor named David Abbel had his application turned down because an aged female relative in Irkutsk, Siberia, objected to his going, the two said.

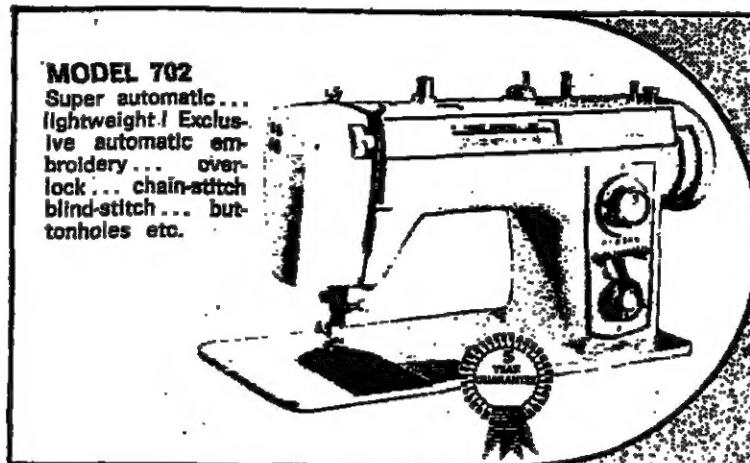
Soviets claim 10,000 want to leave Israel

LONDON. — Over 10,000 Soviet immigrants to Israel want to return to Russia, the Novosti Information Service claims in a bulletin published here yesterday.

The report starts by recounting criticism of Israel made by one Yakov Shukman who returned to Lithuania after becoming disillusioned with life in Israel. It quoted his complaints about a lack of national unity, and the difficulty of Soviet immigrants in getting suitable work in Israel.

In conclusion, the report states: "The Jewish Embassy, which represents the U.S.S.R.'s interests in Israel, has received over 10,000 applications from people wanting to leave the 'promised land' and return to their homeland," the report says.

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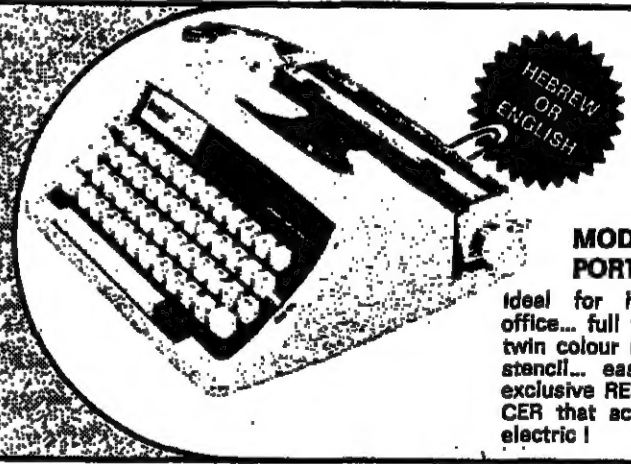
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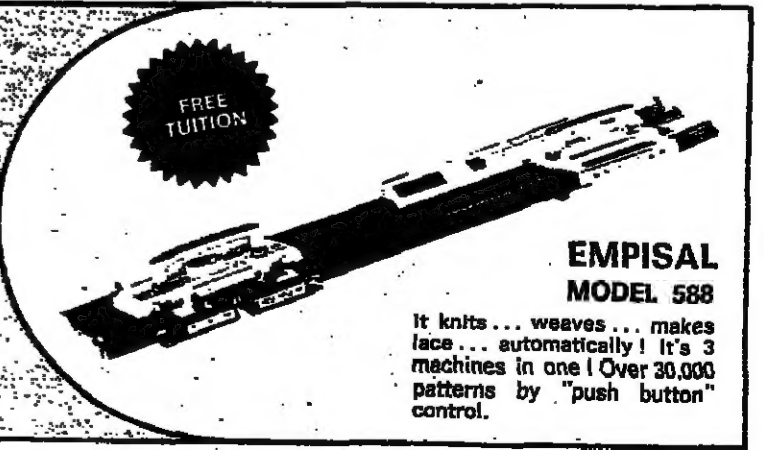
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East Germans repeat: Won't pay Israel

BERLIN (UPI). — The "Junge Welt" (Young World), official newspaper of the East German Communist youth organization, repeated yesterday the East German stand that it will not recognize Israel or pay it reparations.

"The prerequisites for any negotiations between states is diplomatic relations and we have declared repeatedly that we are not interested in such relations because of the aggressive, imperialist policy of Israel," the newspaper said.

It rejected claims of Israel for compensation for Nazi Germany's treatment of Jews.

It said the Potsdam agreement provided that the Soviet zone of Germany would pay reparations to Russian and Poland and the Western zones to all other nations.

It said, in addition, Israel was established in 1948, three years after the Potsdam conference, so that it could make no claims under the Potsdam agreement.

"Thirdly, the German Democratic Republic has made the greatest restitution to the Jewish people in that we have rooted out Nazism

and racism," the newspaper said. "For its unjustified demands, Tel Aviv is seeking the support of other aggressive imperialist forces, who are blocking the development of diplomatic ties by other states to the German Democratic Republic or at least trying to make them difficult," the newspaper added. "Our state will do nothing either directly or indirectly to support these forces financially."

BACKS. — Women members of the Queensland Flute Guild in Australia have received an appeal from the orchestra's president to wear high-backed dresses. James Carson explained, "We want to pin sheet music on their backs. They can come topless, but not backless."

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U.S. SEPHARDIM OFFER HELP TO ISRAELIS

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH
Jerusalem Post Reporter

THE Sephardi Establishment of the United States — whose wealthy aristocracy has been dubbed "the grandees" — has offered a helping hand to the Sephardi underprivileged of Israel.

The offer was made at the founding convention in New York City last month of the Sephardi Federation of America. Police Minister Shlomo Hillel, who addressed the convention, said in an interview this week that the 250 delegates took a constructive approach to the problem of the social gap in Israel, rather than simply being critical about it.

Among the measures decided upon was the creation of a housing company in Israel to engage in urban renewal programmes, in conjunction with the Israeli government. There will also be scholarships for needy Sephardi students and contributions for research in Israel into Sephardi culture.

There are between 100,000-200,000 Sephardi Jews in the U.S. Unlike the well-organized Ashkenazi community, the Sephardi have been fragmented, with little contact among the widely dispersed kehilot (communities). The new federation provides them with a common framework for the first time. Meeting in the venerable Spanish-Portuguese synagogue on Central Park West, the delegates chose as president Daniel Elazar, a professor of political science at Temple University.

Mr. Hillel, who comes from Iraq, said the formation of the federation was a response in part to the danger of assimilation which especially threatens the isolated Sephardi communities. "They lack the hinterland that a large organization has — the opportunity among other things to spend a social evening with fellow Jews." A broad hinterland, he noted, also provides a wider choice in the marriage market. One of the principal aims of the federation is to deepen that hinterland not only by strengthening ties between Sephardi communities but by bringing them into closer contact with the broader American Jewish community.

Mr. Hillel told the delegates that the social gap in Israel was the result not of discrimination but of objective conditions. The large immigration of Jews from Arab countries which arrived in Israel shortly after the founding of the state had to be accommodated in makeshift accommodations, he said. While the condition of these Jews has improved, Israeli society as a whole has also moved forward so that the gap remains. What was required, he said, was not just equal opportunity for all but extra opportunities for the underprivileged to enable them to close the gap.

Mr. Hillel expressed the hope that the large Sephardi communities in South America and France would now follow the example set by American Sephardim and organize federations of their own.

L.A. loses a Jewish newspaper

By TOM TUGEND
Jerusalem Post Correspondent
LOS ANGELES

LOS Angeles, long one of the most competitive Anglo-Jewish newspaper towns, lost one of its veteran publications last week and gained a new one. The "California Jewish Voice," which had changed owners frequently over the past few years, ceased publication after 51 years and its assets were acquired by the "B'nai B'rith Messenger."

Joseph Jonah Cummins, editor-publisher of the 77-year old "Messenger," stated that the merger would make his Jewish weekly paper the largest in the U.S., with a circulation of about 70,000.

In the past 20 years, three independent Jewish weeklies — the "Messenger," the "Voice," and the "Heritage-Southwest Jewish Free Press" — have competed fiercely for the lucrative Jewish market in the Los Angeles metropolitan area, whose Jewish population now stands at well over half a million.

"The older and politically conservative 'B'nai B'rith Messenger' (which has no connection with the fraternal order) and the younger, liberal 'Heritage,' in particular, have conducted a running battle for circulation and advertisers, reminiscent at times of the frontier journalism of the Old West."

New paper

Herrn Brin, editor-publisher of "Heritage," publishes separate editions in four Southern California locations — Los Angeles, San Diego, Orange County, and the Central Valley. Now joining the "Messenger" and "Heritage" on the local Jewish newspaper scene is "Israel Today," which brought out its first issue on the same day that the "Voice" published its final one.

Despite its name, "Israel Today" will concentrate its coverage on the San Fernando Valley, the residential "bedroom" community of Los Angeles, with a Jewish population of 120,000. Its slant will be "youth-oriented," according to the publisher, Phil Blazer. Blazer, who conducts a popular Jewish radio programme syndicated in half a dozen U.S. and Canadian cities, plans to establish an all-Canadian and a San Francisco edition in the future.

Accompanying these changes are behind-the-scenes efforts by the Jewish Federation Council of Greater Los Angeles, representing the organized Jewish community, to acquire all existing Jewish weeklies in the area and merge them into a single publication under its control.

SWEDISH PARTIES AGREE ON MIDEAST POLICY

By DAVID LANDAU
Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent

GUNNAR Helén, leader of Sweden's Liberal Party, who ends a week's visit to Israel today, may well be Sweden's foreign minister after the elections in September. He himself prefers not to make predictions, but polls and pundits in Sweden all agree that, for the first time in 40 years, the Social Democrats are in real danger of ceding power to a Centre-Left-Conservative alignment. Mr. Helén would be number-two man if that alignment came to office.

At present, Premier Olof Palme's Social Democrats have 163 seats in the 350-man legislature, and they maintain their control with the support of the 17 Communists. The Centre (formerly Farmers) Party has 71 seats. Mr. Helén's Liberals have 53, and the Conservatives 41 — a total of 170. The polls forecast a 51-53 per cent majority for the alignment in the elections.

A change in government would not mean a change in Sweden's official policy on the Middle East. Mr. Helén told *The Jerusalem Post* in an interview, "Sweden as a nation," he said, "has been positive on Israel's right to exist and to exist within secure borders." He noted, however, that among the Social Democrats there are more critics — and more stringent critics — of Israel than in his own party.

Resolution 242

The Liberal Party, at its 1969 convention, had deliberately subscribed to the English version of Security Council Resolution 242 which speaks of withdrawal from "territories" — not "the territories." At that convention the party declared its belief in Israel's right to secure and guaranteed borders, and while referring to the need for a special solution for the West Bank and to the idea of a separate Palestinian entity there, it did not presume to recommend this course as a necessary solution.

Many Social Democrats, on the other hand, said Mr. Helén, still urge Israel's withdrawal from all the administered territories.

How does Sweden reconcile its neutrality with its statesmen's forthright statements on Vietnam, the Middle East and other international issues criticizing some countries and praising others?

Mr. Helén explained the apparent contradiction in a lecture to the Israel-Swedish Friendship League in Jerusalem on Tuesday. Political neutrality, he asserted, was not identical with moral neutrality. "We reserve the right to criticize and to



Gunnar Helén

praise, and to protest, no matter how powerful the offender is. Sweden shared the basic values of democracy and liberalism with the Western democracies. It opposed tyranny, repression and injustice — and it did not hesitate to make its views known.

In our interview, Mr. Helén said that, while all Sweden's parties subscribed to this definition of "active neutrality," the Liberals had not approved of Socialist Premier Palme's choice of simile when, last Christmas eve, he had compared U.S. bombing of Ha Noi with Treblinka and Babi Yar. This was not the most effective way to make the point, said Mr. Helén. If the Liberals came to power they would continue to take stands on issues of international morality — but in more sober tones.

Political neutrality, he explained in the lecture, entails primarily not belonging to political or military alliances or power blocs. Thus Sweden had stayed out of NATO while Norway and Denmark had joined. For the same reason Sweden could not now apply for full membership of the European Economic Community. The Community, after all, was aspiring to a measure of supranationalism, to a common foreign policy, and these would impinge upon Sweden's political neutrality. Sweden, therefore, had applied for only associate membership of the Community.

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The European Free Trade Area (E.F.T.A.), on the other hand, was a purely economic organization and Sweden was therefore a full mem-

ber — along with the other neutrals, Switzerland and Austria. Sweden also permitted itself to consult and cooperate with the other Nordic states, with the E.E.C. on fiscal and monetary policy, or with U.N. work.

For Sweden, political neutrality did not mean military debility. Sweden spent more than any European country on defence to ensure, Mr. Helén explained, that it did not become a power vacuum between the two super-blocs, and that neither bloc suspected that the other was using Sweden as a springboard for its own military designs. Thus, while Sweden was hoping that the European security and cooperation conference set for this summer in Helsinki would result in mutual arms reductions by the Warsaw Pact countries and Moscow, it would maintain that Sweden itself, as a neutral country, need not reduce its defence potential.

Among the other results which Sweden was hoping to see from the European security conference was strong condemnation of, and action against, international terrorism and the countries which support it, Mr. Helén said.

If any Jerusalemite up early on the miserable, wintry mornings of this week saw a track-suited figure doggedly jogging up King David Street — it was Mr. Helén. A trim-looking, 53-year-old grandfather, he makes sure to keep fit for the political hurdles ahead.

ACCOMPANYING Mr. Helén on his first visit to Israel is a young Liberal Member of Parliament, Per Ahlmark, who has been here five times before. Mr. Ahlmark is active in the Sweden-Israel Friendship League in Stockholm, and is engaged in efforts on behalf of Soviet and Arab Jewry.

He has been promised an answer today on his application for a visa to enter Iraq to investigate the situation of the Jews there.

New road to Santa Katerina

EILAT. — Work will be started soon on a 80-kilometre road connecting the Santa Katerina monastery in Southern Sinai with Moshav Di-Zahav (Dahab) on the Gulf of Eilat, a Public Works Department spokesman said here Wednesday.

The road will shorten the route to Santa Katerina — presently running through Sharm e-Sheikh — by more than 300 kilometres, he said. The land-clearing operation alone will take about a year and cost IL6m., the spokesman added. The entire project will cost some IL50m.

Soviet leaders aging

By DEV MURRAY
MOSCOW (Oton)

THE leadership of the Soviet Union has grown old. The other President Nikolai Podgorny was the third member of the Politburo to pass his 70th birthday. Mikhail Suslov was 70 last summer, and a vid Pelshe is already 73.

The average age of the three leaders is 68. Leonid Brezhnev, the Communist Party boss, is 69. Premier Alexei Kosygin is 69. Three have been uninterrupted in power for nine years, and there is no sign of a change. Over, it is not that only a few leaders are old. The average of all 15 full members of the Politburo is just over 62, and of the top people who wield real power in the Soviet Union, only two are under 50.

The most important question arising from this analysis is: who will succeed the party boss, Brezhnev, until 1970 it was generally assumed that Andrei Kirilenko was the likeliest heir. But Kirilenko is the same age as Brezhnev, and the longer Brezhnev remains in office the less chance for Kirilenko.

If a successor to Brezhnev has to come from among the 15 full members of the Politburo, and from among those still below 60, we are left with five names. They are: V.V. Grishin, 58, F.D. Kulakov, 58, K.T. Maslennikov, 58, D.S. Polyanskiy, 55, V.V. Shcherbitskiy, 54, and A.N. Shelepkin, 54.

Of these Shcherbitskiy can be ruled out because he is a Ukrainian rather than a Russian. Shelepkin can also be ruled out because he is widely distrusted at the top. This leaves Grishin, Kulakov, Maslennikov and Polyanskiy. Maslennikov has generally been assumed to have been groomed as successor to Kosygin rather than Brezhnev, and it is unlikely that he will be considered for the party leadership.

The case of Polyanskiy, 55, is more controversial. He is still young by Soviet standards, and ambitious. But his recent appointment as Agriculture Minister will not make it easy for him to keep a stake in the leadership race. It is even a matter of some debate here whether his appointment is a demotion or not.

England and Pakistan draw in cricket test

LAHORE (Reuters). — Pakistan and England drew the first test here Wednesday. England were only 67 runs ahead of Pakistan, and had already lost three second innings wickets, when play started Wednesday morning. A fighting innings of 74 by Tony Lewis and another of 72 by Tony Greig turned back the threat of defeat and the match seemed certain to drift gently to a draw.

But then Lewis declared at 306 for seven, challenging Pakistan to make 240 in 145 minutes for victory. Pakistan made a bold start too: second innings, but they lost Sadiq Mohammad cheaply and finally he to give up the challenge when the captain Majid Khan was caught and bowled by Greig at 114 for three. At the close Pakistan were 124 for three.

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ADAN Adv.



The united working class will win, says the placard, but what about the winner of the race? A group of striking metal workers formed a human roadblock and delayed the start of the Milan-Turin cycling race for a hour on Wednesday.

RUSSIA PUTS ITS CHESS MEN INTO TURMOIL

By DEV MURARKA

MOSCOW (Otna). — RUSSIANS are bad losers in sport. The defeat of Boris Spassky by the American Bobby Fischer in the world chess championship was taken quietly enough at the time, or at least the impression was given to the outside world that it was taken in its stride. But, here in the day, Moscow has begun to reveal the deep wound it made.

The Soviet chess world has been thrown into a turmoil. The dignified, quiet figure of Spassky has received little sympathy and criticism of him has become progressively bitter. From being a hero, he has turned into a man of no virtue, at least no sporting virtue. One wonders if the Soviet authorities expect to keep the morale of their sportsmen up by inducing terror of the consequences of failure. Whether they intend it or not, this is the effect of their diatribes.

Some allowance must be made for the fact that chess is almost sacred in the Soviet mind. And this may explain why the Physical Culture and Sports Committee under the USSR Council of Ministers, to give its full title, has decided to make up the structure of chess games in the country. The committee itself has linked this decision to the defeat of Spassky, who remains the national champion so far.

Top league

Under the new system there will be a two-division top league. In the first division there will be 18 players and in the second division 16. Each year, the six bottom players in the first division will be relegated to the second division, and the six at the top of the second division will be promoted to the first division. The three bottom scorers in the second division will have to play in a national elimination tournament with 59 other players.

So, from now on, the crown of Soviet chess will not rest with the title-holder indefinitely. Since the participation of all grandmasters in the USSR championship league is now made compulsory, they will have to work hard each year to maintain their position.

The first round of the new championship for the first division will take place in October this year. And the most interesting question will be whether Spassky will be in the top division. He is, of course, but he is eliminated. Moscow may well insist that the Soviet challenger for the world championship will be a new national champion. Another rule, re-established, says that no match can be drawn under 30 moves without permission of the judges.

More arduous

All in all, the Soviet authorities seem to be seeking to make Soviet chess a more arduous exercise than it has been in recent years. This would certainly be welcomed by Soviet chess fans who have complained that Soviet chess was becoming lacklustre. After the Fischer victory, they wanted some more zip in the chess playing structure, and they have got it. But mere toughness might affect adversely the sensitivities of the top players. If the whole thing is made into a routine of discipline.

Chess is not the only game under Soviet scrutiny. A recent pronouncement from the committee says bridge, perhaps the most popular and sophisticated card game in the West, is "alien" to the Soviet system. So are hatha-yoga, women's football and muscle-building activities. Pressure is being put on Soviet citizens to play only those games and sports which are respectable in the eyes of the establishment.

Save-for-housing plan will help nursing students

By LEA LEVAVI

JERUSALEM Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Nursing students may soon be able to solve their housing problems while learning the profession, Health Minister Victor Shemtov told the Tel Aviv Working Mothers Organization Wednesday. Under the plan, which is now being negotiated with the Ministry of Housing, nursing students will begin saving for a flat when they start their studies. Matching Government funds will guarantee the nurse a flat after graduation.

The Minister was speaking of the current health crisis, of which the nursing shortage is only a part.

"The crisis results from the gap between what is medically possible and what is economically feasible. The doctors tell us what can be done. The Treasury tells us what we can afford to do."

The most serious shortage of hospital beds, he said, is in Tel Aviv. Four new hospitals are now being constructed in this area.

Ecology

On ecology and pollution, Mr. Shemtov said his ministry "is not interested in anesthetizing public opinion. We are concerned about the problem, and we think the public should be concerned too."

Answering questions from the floor, the minister said committees have been set up to study new ways of treating drug addicts and to explore possible changes in the abortion law. He hopes the compulsory health insurance law will pass the first reading in the Knesset before the end of the session.

New device simplifies Arabic script

OTTAWA, —

The (Canadian) International Development Research Centre is giving \$27,000 to the University of Montreal for further development of a device that will greatly improve printing and communications in languages written in Arabic script. The technical device side-steps one of the problems of reforming Arabic script, which several hundred proposals in this century alone have failed to solve.

A serious difficulty in reproducing Arabic script on keyboard machines is that a letter may have several quite different shapes depending on what comes before it and after it in a word. With some simplification, the number can be reduced to four — for the initial, middle and final positions in a word, and for standing in isolation. This still means that for each letter a keyboard must have four character keys, or two keys each with carriage shifts, and the operator is faced with a continual choice of character key. Typewriting and typesetting are consequently slow, so much so in fact that handwriting may be preferred. Western telecommunications devices, which rely on one code per character, introduce ambiguities.

Choice of shape

Dr. Syed Hyder, associate professor in the Department of Computer Science, University of Montreal, has developed an electronic processor that recognizes successions of Arabic characters and makes the appropriate choice of shape for each one. This leaves the operator with one key per letter, as on a Western keyboard, and consequently keyboard operations are doubled in speed, becoming as fast as in English or French. This "little black box" can be used with typewriters, typesetting machines, teleprinter terminals, airline schedule displays, advertising on news announcement panels, and in fact any machine used to output separate letters.

Its main benefit will be in speeding information transfer and improving understanding, particularly in international or long-distance communications. It will enable printers to operate machines more swiftly and after a shorter period of training, and it should ensure unambiguous output from telegraph systems.

A most important feature of this invention is that it preserves the aesthetic qualities and traditions of Arabic, Urdu and Farsi writing, a major barrier to the acceptance of reformed writing systems. It points the way to further development, either to modify the choice of character shapes for local needs, or to solve other problems of reproducing Arabic script.

The processor is an inexpensive item, that was developed using a computer graphic display system. The IDRC grant will cover work in marrying the processor to a telecommunications terminal with a keyboard for input and an Arabic typewriter for output. It will also cover the cost of producing a set of users' manuals and descriptive brochures and slides, and demonstrations under real operating conditions in various cities of the Middle East.

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THE STYLE'S THE THING

"No, after you..."

"Sorry, I've dented your car — it really was my fault."

"Mr. Speaker, our party will not make a statement since we quite agree with the Government, and we have nothing to add."

"The world's treating us decently, taking it all round..."

Nobody would have predicted such transformation in the national style. Not even the Minister himself could have anticipated the impact of his remarks on the domestic scene. But there it was. The home-truths had fallen on fertile soil.

THE publicist could not sleep. He tossed and turned in his bed pursued by doubt and remorse. For a while he couldn't place it. Suddenly, as seized by a fit, he sprang out of bed and breathing heavily rushed to the phone. "Give me the night editor... it's urgent. Hello, yes I know it's late. In my article. The third para. It could offend. I was being churlish. Take it out, I beg of you."

"Do be so kind as to hurry in, I'm behind schedule," the bus driver smiled. "Come on, damn it, no sorry, m'am, didn't mean that, only do decide among yourselves who's to get on first."

At the works committee meeting the vote was about to be taken, and the chairman summed up. "I think we all agree, the management's offer is generous,

Shalom Cohen speculates on what would happen if Mr. Eban's recently voiced strictures on Israeli society were taken seriously.

but that if we accept it it is bound to set off a chain reaction. And we all know what that means for the economy. Now let us vote on it — who is for a chain-reaction?"

The moderator in the weekly TV discussion programme was getting jumpy. "Won't someone like to comment? Come on now one of you." Panelist 1: "No, really, I'm much more interested in hearing my colleagues' opinion." Panelist 2: "Please, really... I do have a rather grating quality in my voice; do let's hear more of you, the public..."

One M.K. to another: "I wish I'd said that."

One lady: "I don't know what's got into my husband. He's off again to Haifa to welcome another immigrant ship. You have to get up early before others to get your invitation in, he says." Second lady: "My husband has become a real expert on historical sites. Can't get enough. The first tourist he collars and he's away."

VARIED LEVEL

The Israel Philharmonic Orchestra. Conductor: Lukas Foss. (Tel Aviv, Maan Auditorium March 1 and 3), J.S. Bach: the Brandenburg Concertos.

Lukas Foss is trying to introduce a new style into our concert life and the presentation of Bach's six Brandenburg Concerti in two concerts (why not in one, as a marathon?) was one of its manifestations.

The level of performance was varied. Some Concerti were exciting, others merely adequate and two simply bad. No. 2 failed completely because of extremely bad luck when the trumpeter's high trumpet refused to obey him.

No. 6 fell victim to Mr. Foss' outstanding musicality. Foss is a fascinating personality, possessing an immense amount of musical imagination, originality and expressiveness. Yet not every work is necessarily served by all these, and Bach's Brandenburg Concerto No. 6 is definitely not. Foss' interpretation was extravagant, he changed tempi arbitrarily, delighted in strange rubato and introduced an element of expressiveness which was incompatible with the piece.

Numbers 1 and 4 were given reasonable readings, although they revealed nothing special or particularly impressive. In two of the Concerti, however, 3 and 5, Foss won the day. Here, he was the splendid musician, the great admirer of Bach, the exciting interpreter.

The soloists: Uri Plianka, violin, Uri Shoham, John Heitman, and Bezalel Aviram, flutes, Eliahu Thorner, oboe, Jacob Mahori and Ezra Molcho, horns, and Lukas Foss.



plano, all demonstrated high professional skill, great discipline and an excellent sense for chamber-music combinations and pre-classical sonorities. BENJAMIN BAR-AM

YOUNG CELLIST

Recital by Mirva Tamposki, cello and Sarah Rabinowitz, piano, arranged by Haifa Absorption Centre. (Beit Rothschild March 4.) Bach: Sonata in D minor; Brahms: Sonata for cello and piano in minor; Schubert: Arpeggione — Sonata for cello and piano; Schumann: Three pieces in folk-song, op. 102; Tchaikovsky: Nocturne Variations.

THE young Russian cellist, Mirva Tamposki, overcame the stress of playing the same programme twice in one evening with the help of pianist Sarah Rabinowitz.

The Bach sonata, the only solo contribution by the young immigrant, was clear in theme, texture and treatment. His tone, mainly reasonable readings, was not very voluminous, although perhaps the hall's poor acoustics reduced some of its strength.

Brahms' massive writings, too, needed a more brilliant and colourful tone from both partners, who were correct in the unity of attack, rhythm and phrasing, but should have made more use of their instruments' sonorities. G.W.B.

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"I liked your ruling — a masterpiece, does honour to us all," said one Chief Rabbi to another.

"I like Sapir..."

"Allow me, sir, to brush the sundowner seed husks off your back," whispered the cinema goer to the man in front.

"I'm afraid I'm Ashkenazi, but, actually, we can trace our line to Sephardim. I prefer your kind of food."

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"Well, I suppose we won because of the referee's terrible blunders in our favour. Perhaps we were just lucky."

Departmental superior: Haim. Why did you tell the man to come back again?
Official: I... I wasn't thinking. Superior: Didn't you think of the inconvenience, the time involved?

Official: I'm distressed, truly. It won't happen again, I promise.
Superior: Haim. Well, overlook it this time, since you've already suffered enough.
Official: Oh, sir, thank you.

A Minister to his spokesman: "And by the way, in that press release — no need to mention my name."

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"Listen lady, get on the bus already, this queue has got rigor mortis."

"Will the Honourable Member kindly consider closing his trap for a few seconds?"

"So they're not all anti-Semites."

"Quit shoving — that's if you don't mind."

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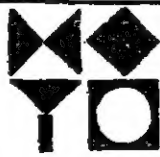
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BEN-AHARON LASHES OUT

WITH each passing day the temper and tone of Histadrut Secretary-General Yitzhak Ben-Aharon's strictures against the economic policy associated with Mr. Sapir become sharper.

That this clash, which is more strident than any contest between the Opposition parties and the Government, should embrace two men of the same party has ceased to be a surprise. For the Labour Party is today seized by a whole set of inner conflicts, both of personalities and principles, which in their importance for the future — apart from their drama — transcend the differences between it and any of the other parties.

Mr. Ben-Aharon's serious opposition to the Government's economic policy has grown in intensity over the last few months. When he first took the helm at the Histadrut, he appeared to be principally intent on reshaping its image as the patron of worker interests, an image which had become tarnished by a widespread sense that the Labour Federation had become an adjunct of the Government.

Inevitably, as wage demands grew and strikes erupted, perhaps in part as a direct consequence of Mr. Ben-Aharon's radical style, he found himself in collision with the Treasury's aim to contain the inflationary spiral. That collision, however, could still be ascribed to the clash of institutional interests — in other words, to the thorny problem of Histadrut-Government relations.

But when Mr. Ben-Aharon last year called for a whole re-ordering of the economy, namely into a "war economy," it was clear that his opposition was far more fundamental.

These basic differences have

been emphasized still further by his speeches this week.

The fact is that many of the Histadrut Secretary's criticisms strike a responsive chord in many quarters both in and outside the Labour Party.

There is, despite the rapid rise in the general standard of living, a widening unease about the social costs and social tensions, which appear linked to the manner in which the economy is managed.

The difficulty, however, is that while Mr. Ben-Aharon's critique is acceptable to many, the doctrinaire socialist premises from which it stems do not enjoy such acceptance.

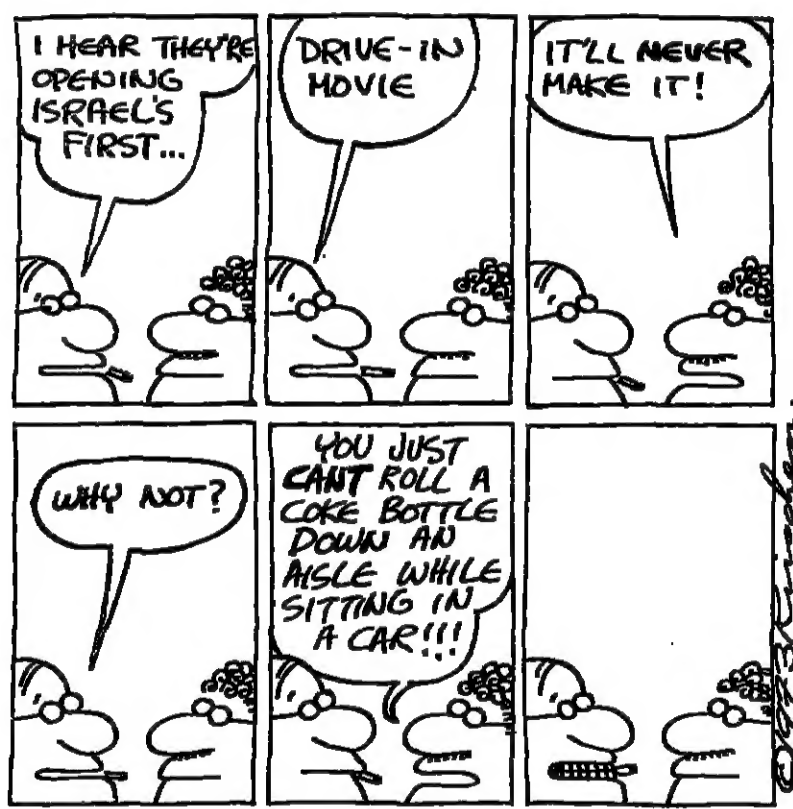
Mr. Ben-Aharon may contend that he represents the genuine historic tradition of the Labour Party. But that Party has long since abandoned the kind of orthodoxy to which the Histadrut chief lays claim.

Like Labour parties in Western Europe, its fortunes and the political hegemony which it enjoys have flourished precisely to the degree that its dominant stream opted for less rather than more doctrinaire policies.

It is precisely for this reason that Mr. Ben-Aharon has been accused of fanning the flames of class war. And it is also for this reason that despite widely shared reservations about what has come to be called "Sapir's system," Mr. Ben-Aharon's rhetorical portraits of an alternative — which would mean even more economic centralization and an even more pervasive bureaucracy — have failed to elicit wide support.

For that reason, Mr. Sapir can afford not to pick up the gauntlet Mr. Ben-Aharon has thrown. It could also mean, as Mr. Ben-Aharon himself realizes, that he may talk himself into isolation within the Party.

Dry Bones



ISRAEL PRESS

Terror in New York

Davar (Histadrut) refers to the discovery of bombs outside an El Al terminal and branches of Israeli banks in New York on Wednesday: "This provides further proof of the link between extreme terrorism and Palestinian and Arab bodies, who still enjoy freedom of action in the U.S. The organization of such an operation could not possibly have been undertaken by a handful of extremists without more extensive support. The U.S. government must draw the necessary conclusions, as outlined by President Nixon."

Ha'arets (National Religious): "The U.S. President's warning against compromising with terrorism and the fact that the U.S. is spearheading international anti-terrorist action may prove to be a turning point in the battle against this plague attacking all nations. Hopefully, President Nixon will issue instructions that his declared policy be translated into action."

Hamodia (Agudat Yisrael), raising the suspicion that the bombs in New York may have been a plot aimed at Mrs. Meir during her stay

in the city, adds: "After the success of intelligence agencies in the timely discovery of the bombs, it is to be anticipated that all parties to this attempt will be caught and punished."

Ha'arets (non-party) comments on the recent murder of three diplomats by Black September terrorists in Khartoum: "The Khartoum murders may prove to many governments that the time has come for an active policy to combat the terrorist plague. The deed perpetrated in Khartoum should convince West European governments, as well, that Arab terrorism does not restrict itself only to Israeli or Jewish targets, and that it intends to dictate its wishes to every government. This calls for concerted inter-governmental action."

Omer (Histadrut) calls upon the non-Arab countries to intervene in the inter-Arab quarrel in favour of Jordan and Sudan: "Otherwise there is a real danger that the other Arab states will continue to support terrorism and Fatah assassinations throughout the world."

FOREIGN PRESS

Praise for Numeiry

The London "Daily Telegraph" wrote yesterday: "President Numeiry's strong and correct attitude during the outrage at the Saudi Arabian Embassy in Khartoum last week has been fully maintained in his handling of the awkward aftermath. This raises hope that other responsible Arab countries will now also see that the Palestinian terrorists only damage their cause and dis honour the Arab countries that continue to support or condone their crimes."

"The terrorist organizations... must now be in a bad way to choose the embassy of one Arab country on the soil of another as their objective... Their disregard alike of the rifts that their action must cause in the Arab world, of the unpopularity it would inevitably earn them in the Sudan and elsewhere,

Helping the Government to decide

The need for an economic council to consider and recommend changes in policy is discussed by Economic Editor MOSHE ATER, in the last of three articles on inflation.

THE time has come to ask what purpose should be served by the economic package deal now being hammered out, and who is interested in it. Surely not the employers, who have repeatedly attempted to avoid the deal. Nor yet the Histadrut, which agrees to participate only under certain, rather stiff, conditions. The only party eager to achieve an agreement is the Government, which needs it least of all, because it can impose its will by decree.

The purpose of the exercise is thus neatly circumscribed: to relieve the government from the inconvenience of imposing its policies by letting it appear as if it is carrying out unanimous decisions. In plain words, the tripartite economic committee is expected to serve as a rubber-stamp for unpleasant policies, or an excuse for lack of policy because no consensus could be achieved. Alternatively, the government wants the committee in order to share its responsibility, though not its authority, with the public.

That in a democratic country recourse is taken to such awkward mechanisms is remarkable. But it is no less remarkable that the public's readiness to take part in this game. Both the employers and the trade unions have dug in their heels as regards their respective practical interests, but nobody has shown the slightest interest in whether they are justified.

No explanation

Thus additional subsidies, involving a supplementary budget — and probably a sizeable deficit — have been freely discussed while the Knesset is still debating an ostensibly budget, which is presumed to provide for the consumer to bear an eventual rise in import costs. Comprehensive price control, just declared unworkable and amended by the Knesset, has been resurrected without as much as a word of explanation. Investment and housing estimates allegedly tabled after careful planning have been thrown back into the melting pot.

The Knesset's impotence and low esteem

in economic matters have never been more aptly demonstrated. This is exactly why the attempt to set up a public instrument for evolving economic policies should be welcomed. In a country like Israel government cannot be by decree alone, least of all in matters depending on people's private decisions, like investment and living standards. Implicitly, the government has admitted that it must take the public into its confidence, though it would like to limit this to matters of secondary importance, like whether the price level ought to rise six or nine per cent during the current calendar year.

The 1970 package deal soon became an empty shell because the government continued to ignore it in major policy decisions, to the chagrin of its minor partners. But, a genuine Economic Council is a precondition for a comprehensive and effective economic policy. The various alternatives could be discussed by such a body and outlines of national policies laid down jointly by the quarters concerned.

Since no such body exists, little can be done about containing inflation for the time being. But it is pretty evident that the course of the economy was set long ago. Mr. Sapir — who masterminded it — is no fool, and is unlikely to be impressed by second thoughts some quarters may have about inflationary side-effects. He obviously intends to prevent inflation from getting out of hand mainly by a combination of credit squeeze (which is likely to affect production in the wrong places) and massive subsidies (which are

bound to cost a lot of foreign currency by maintaining demand notwithstanding rising import costs). He has made up his mind to win the forthcoming election, even at some price for the economy. Policy changes must be shelved for attention next year.

However, in 1974, when inflationary pressures will gather force, and to control them will become urgent necessity, creation of an Economic Council — a real, not a fake one — should be given top priority. It need not go to such lengths as to pretend giving businessmen and trade unions the same status in shaping national policies as that of the elected government. But it ought to put them in a position to conduct a dialogue with the executive — and with each other — to get information, and to make recommendations, which could be directed both to the executive and to the public.

Since such a Council is unlikely to be granted statutory powers, its impact will largely depend on its credibility and expertise. Nevertheless, it may change the public climate in this country by turning the present piecemeal bargaining of vested interests into a national, overall review of pros and cons, which alone can lead to sensible decisions. Whether its recommendations will be heeded, will depend on many factors.

Previous attempts

Attempts to set up such a body — as an intermediary between the vested interests and the government — were made long ago. In the early 'fifties an Advisory Economic Council functioned for a while. Recently, an Economic Forum has been meeting, with little effect. The establishment of an Economic Council has been suggested by deputy minister Gad Ya'acobi as an instrument for fighting inflation. However, the idea has not been treated seriously because the pivotal role which the Council could play has been disguised by the inevitable failure of "package deal" arrangements. Once planning prevails over bickering,

a new stage in fighting inflation could be opened in earnest by a thorough reform of the fiscal system. The introduction of VAT next year will be a fitting start. Other measures will include reductions in personal income tax rates. However, it should be realized that all of this falls far short of what is required in order to make the system efficient and to adjust it to function in modern economic circumstances.

It is an open secret that tax dodging has been spreading in Israel; that "black money" has been accumulating rapidly, becoming a substantial inflationary factor; that our entire wage system has been warped (often with official connivance); that considerations of speculative (capital and tax) gains often prevail over those of productivity. A policy intended to check the inflationary malaise will have to attack these underground roots of it.

But it becomes increasingly clear — not only in this country — that inflation cannot be controlled without introducing an incomes policy of some sort, and that fiscal means may have to be resorted to in order to bring that about. Attempts to enlist the trade unions' cooperation in this respect have not been very successful, to put it mildly, and no wonder, since no stick could ever be applied to unions (or groups of workers) unwilling to toe the official line, and strong enough to obtain preferential treatment.

Increased attention is being given to the use of legal and fiscal means to enforce certain wage limits, and there is no doubt that Israel will also have to grapple with this issue. In particular, the current system of subsidies and incentives, as well as the c.o.l. allowance, which insulate business and families from the impact of rising prices, will have to be reappraised, and probably severely pruned.

For all the idle official talk, prospects for checking inflation in the near future are dim, mainly because official policies hinder the public in understanding the issue and in reacting to it in a sensible manner.

Readers' letters

Jews for Judaism

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — The "Jews for Jesus" movement which, having made its appearance in the United States and in England, is now agitating here in Israel, should give Jewish spiritual leadership everywhere pause for thought.

The fact that some of the youth attracted to it have come from the drug culture and from other aberrational tendencies testifying to emotional instability, does not warrant dismissing the phenomenon with a self-righteous shrug.

Without entering into the question of what should be Israel's official relationship to the movement and its adherents in terms of the Law of the Return, the thrust of my comment is intended for Rabbis and other Jewish educators here and abroad.

Judaism is a religion, a way of life for all times and temperaments. Legalism and mysticism, the pentateuch and the prophets and psalmists, Akiba and Shimon ben Yochai, Maimonides and Nachmanides, Elijah Gaon and Israel Baal Shem Tov, all are part of it. In this area, the late Rabbi Heschel of blessed memory, was, in our time, a fountain-head of living, life-giving waters.

Apparently, the times in which we live call, in the education of our Jewish youth, for greater attention to bringing out those spiritual assets in the treasury of the Torah of Judaism, which appeal to mystical yearnings and spiritual strivings of human nature. Hence, Jews for Judaism!

ISRAEL GOLDSTEIN

Jerusalem, February 27.

Pollution in Petah Tikva

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — We residents of Petah Tikva love the place because of our families and friends. But reading the article "Not quite a big city" we could not believe that your reporter was talking about this town.

He wrote that the factories do not contaminate the residential quarters. I would like to introduce him to the children's doctor who told mothers of children suffering from chest colds and bronchitis "to get them out of polluted Petah Tikva fast..."

"The city is filthy, its swimming pools in the summer-time are a health hazard" — a quote from the city's Health Officer. Noise pollution due to cars and people's parties is unbelievable, the police is very visible giving parking tickets, but totally invisible on the roads; cars zoom and kill on our small side streets; roads connecting to Tel Aviv and Bar Ilan are a danger.

The utilities in our children's school were a disgrace. Repeated calls and letters to City Hall brought no result. (Finally, the parent body had to attend to their improvement, at their own expense). The children are forever playing in the streets. There are no play areas for past-kindergarten age. The parks are there for strolling. Our library cries out for books, our music conservatory for a proper building. The city lacks synagogue space. Contractors build on every available corner; two beautiful old trees were just recently chopped down.

Is this our "Garden City"? FICHA LOTTNER

Petah Tikva, February 28.

WEIZMANN AND THE ITALIANS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Headlines, like statistics, are apt to be misleading at times and more often even tendentious.

With this truism in mind, I wish to comment on the misleading impression given by the caption to the article in your February 14 issue on Italian Foreign Ministry documents of the early '30s which recently reached Jerusalem.

You quote Dr. Itzhak Minervini as saying that these documents "give further evidence of Weizmann's fears regarding establishment of a Jewish State." Why "further"? Has Minervini found any previous documentation or evidence to "prove" his assertion that Weizmann did not want a Jewish State?

If Dr. Minervini did in fact make that statement, and I am giving him the benefit of the doubt, that he might have been misquoted or misunderstood by the "special correspondent" to whom the article is attributed, then either he has completely misinterpreted the Zionist President's fundamental concepts of the Jewish State or he has set out to be deliberately subversive of the truth, which I can hardly credit in the case of an historian of integrity.

Minervini quotes from Weizmann's conversations with an Italian Foreign Ministry official named Scarpa (presumably Due Cesare di Scarpa) in which Weizmann said it was preferable to postpone discussions with the Arabs "until the Jewish population of Eretz-Israel reached half a million" and urged that immigration, especially from Germany, must be increased. He said, and I quote from the article, "it will take more than a few years to mould them (the Jews in Palestine) into an organic society."

In other words, Weizmann, if he was correctly reported by Scarpa, counselled a policy of patience. He wanted the Jewish community of Palestine to be strong and integrated enough to withstand the blows and buffets of misfortune. He spoke in the context of his times. One

can perceive this clearly in the chapter "Mediterranean Intrigue" in his autobiography "Trial and Error," in which he discusses Italy's and Mussolini's role in the politics of the region.

Consequently, Weizmann did not reject the Jewish State outright, as your headline, "When Mussolini urged a Jewish state but Weizmann said: 'No,'" states. All Weizmann intimated was, "Wait!" The criticism implicit in your use of the definite negative, probably the result of faulty or hasty reading of the article, must therefore be completely rebutted. Weizmann at no time opposed a Jewish State; he wanted Palestine Jewish, backed by World Jewry, to be strong enough to defend it.

And in fact, as he prophesied to Dr. Scarpa in the early '30s, it was when the Jews made up "at least half of Palestine's population" in 1948 and reached the figure of over half a million he had stipulated the existence of the Jewish State.

Quite apart from all the above, it is, I think, pertinent to point out that, like a lady who should never say "Yes" outright, so a diplomat is no diplomat when he says "No." Weizmann would never say "No" to any political proposition, no matter how flimsy or phoney it was.

Moreover, I do not understand exactly what is meant by "The southern part of Israel." Does it mean BeerSheva? Or what? But, most important, is the fact that even the Italian Foreign Ministry regarded the whole proposition as unrealistic, and Great Britain would never have allowed Mr. Mussolini to muscle in on the proposition.

I am sure Dr. Weizmann never took Mussolini's intervention seriously. He always regarded him as a buffoon, irrespective of other reports. MEYER W. WEISGAL, Chancellor, The Weizmann Institute of Science Rehovot, February 15.

CRITICISM BRINGS RESULTS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Perhaps due to Mr. Gillon's sharp criticism of TV programmes in his review of February 16, the choice of last Friday's programme was excellent.

Why indeed on Friday nights of all nights should there not be programmes of superior quality to suit a highly critical audience? Anyway, James Forsythe's drama "The last journey" has compensated listeners for many a failure, and I can only express my sincere hope that many more programmes of this quality will follow.

RUTH TAYLOR

Haifa, February 27.

THE FORGOTTEN CHILDREN

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — To my utter surprise the 30th anniversary of the arrival in Palestine of the "Theran Children" has gone almost unnoticed.

There has been little reference either in the press or on the radio to our story, the kibbutzim we helped to build or boys who fought during World II and the War of Independence, some of whom lost their lives... I trust that we shall be remembered when we celebrate the 50th anniversary of our arrival. Those who would have remembered us are the late Zippora Sharett, Henrietta Szold and Hans Beit. "A Surprised Theraner" (Name and address supplied) Tel Aviv, February 25.

English is fun

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — On Friday, February 16, 1973, you published an interesting article entitled "The Decline of William Shakespeare," partly based on an interview with Mr. Raphael Gefen, Chief English Studies Supervisor, Ministry of Education and Culture.

I wish to bring to your attention and to make the correction whenever needed, that the series English Is Fun was prepared by the Neta Project (Secondary School Fostering Project) of the Department of Educational Sciences, and not the English Department of Tel Aviv University. The Linguistics Department of the Faculty of Humanities sponsored the ESH Programme — English a Second Language, which is geared to all students in our educational system, and not to slow-learners.

DR. JOSEPH PERI Project Co-Director Tel Aviv, February 23.

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